

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-73 (Cancelled).

74 (Currently amended). [[The]] An isolated polypeptide of claim 67, which consists consisting of amino acid residues 118 to 165 of SEQ ID NO:5.

75 (Previously Presented). A pharmaceutical composition comprising the polypeptide of claim 74.

76 (Previously Presented). An isolated DNA molecule encoding the polypeptide of claim 74.

77 (Previously Presented). The isolated DNA molecule of claim 76 consisting of nucleotides 459 to 602 of SEQ ID NO:1.

78 (Previously Presented). An expression vector comprising the DNA molecule of claim 76.

79 (Previously presented). An isolated host cell transformed with the DNA molecule of claim 76.

80 (Previously Presented). A method for preparing a polypeptide, comprising:

culturing the host cell of claim 79 to express a polypeptide consisting of amino acid residues 118 to 165 of SEQ ID NO:5; and

recovering the expressed polypeptide.

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81 (Previously Presented). A method for treating arthritis, comprising administering to an individual in need thereof the polypeptide of claim 74.

82 (Previously Presented). The method of claim 81, wherein the arthritis treated is rheumatoid arthritis.

83 (Cancelled)